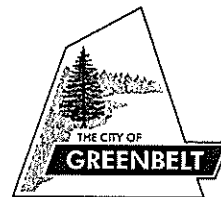


2017 State Legislative Summary

May 4, 2017



INTRODUCTION

The 2017 Session of the Maryland General Assembly has now ended. Below is my annual summary of those legislative items which the City Council expressed an interest in before and during the 2017 Session.

CITY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Greenbelt's 2017 Legislative Program was presented to our State delegation at the Annual Legislative Dinner on December 13, 2016. The Mid-Term Dinner was held on February 23, 2017 in Annapolis.

There were three Top legislative priorities as follows.

- Support FBI Headquarters in Greenbelt
- Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvements
- Update on Greenbelt Lake Dam Project

The Program contained two Other priorities. These were:

- Youth Services Bureau (CARES) Funding
- Children Living in Greenbelt Station should attend Greenbelt Schools

Greenbelt's City and County representatives continue to support the FBI Headquarters in Greenbelt.

Greenbelt Road Streetscape Improvements was listed in the County's letter to the State as the second priority under "Project Planning Start" section.

The City continues to seek funding assistance for the Greenbelt Lake Dam Project.

Funds for Youth Service Bureaus were included in the State's FY 18 Budget.

The City continued to stress that Children Living in Greenbelt Station should attend Greenbelt Schools at both dinner meetings.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Staff reviewed and evaluated many bills, as well as information from MML, PGCMA, MWCOG, and other sources. During the 2017 Session, the Council took official positions (support or oppose) on 12 bills. Since 2002, the Council has taken positions on as few as 11, and as many as 19 bills.

The City supported 10 bills. Three of these bills passed including:

- Forgiveness of Local Income Tax Overpayments.
- Keep Antibiotics Effective Act.
- Legislation to create a Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety.

The City opposed 2 bills – Both bills provided exemptions from Personal Property Tax and both bills failed.

A bill regarding non-woven disposable products (non-flushable wipes) was referred to interim study.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (MML) LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

MML advocated for additional Highway User Revenue funding and \$21 million was included in the Governor's Supplemental Budget. Legislation supported by MML that would have mandated HUR funding failed.

The League worked on Stormwater Management Fees by all levels of government and Coordination of State and Local Construction Projects between SHA, utility companies and municipalities.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (PGCMA) LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

City Council attended the PGCMA Legislative Dinner on December 7, 2016 which was held at Martins Crosswinds.

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